

# WEATHER.

Fair tonight and tomorrow; little change in temperature; moderate winds, becoming south to west.  
Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 2 p.m.: Highest, 57; lowest, 35, at 7 a.m. today.  
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## RUSSIANS ADMIT WIDE REDEMPTION IN THE DOBRUDJA

Retreat Toward Line More  
Than Forty Miles North of  
Constanza Railway.

## GERMANS GAINING IN PREDEAL REGION

Rumanians Capture Village and Im-  
portant Height in Transylvania,  
According to Report.

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, October 27.—Field Marshal  
von Mackensen is making the more  
of his victory in Dobruja and is pressing  
the retreating Russo-Rumanian army  
hard.

Sofia reports this army in precipitate  
flight toward the further reaches of  
the Danube, and Petrograd admits a re-  
treat toward the Hirsova-Caspuhul  
line, more than forty miles north of  
the Constanza-Tchernavoda railway. The  
Rumanians and Rumanians, who were cut  
off from railroad communications with  
the loss of Tchernavoda, are fighting  
hard as they retire, Petrograd de-  
clares.

In retreating the Austro-German thrust  
into Rumania from the northwest the  
Russo-Rumanian forces are having  
more success. Rumanian troops on the  
Moldavian frontier have made further  
progress into Transylvania, capturing  
another village and an important  
height, the Russian war office reports.

## Berlin Reports Gains.

Berlin's account of the fighting in  
Dobruja reports that the district of  
Hirsova has been reached by Field Mar-  
shal von Mackensen's troops.

South of the Rumanian boundary the  
forces of Gen. von Falkenhayn are  
continuing to advance in the direction  
of Campulung and Predeal, the Berlin  
statement announced.

"Transylvania front—On the western  
front of Moldavia the Rumanians after  
short offensive captured the village of  
Balani, nine miles northwest of Orta, and  
the Platariul heights, nine miles  
southwest of Orta.

"On the western Valahia frontier the  
Rumanians have arrested the enemy's of-  
fensive and are consolidating their posi-  
tions. On both banks of the River Jiu  
the fighting continues.

"The fighting continues along the whole front. Our troops and  
those of the Rumanian army, while other  
units are engaged in the Hirsova-Caspuhul  
line."

## Rumanians Defeated.

In the Trotus valley Austro-Hungarian  
troops and, south of Parotus, Bavarian  
troops defeated their Rumanian adver-  
saries, according to Berlin. On the roads  
near of Campulung a Rumanian attack  
was repulsed. South of the  
Predeal pass our Hunved troops are  
repulsing the enemy's advance. In the  
Berceni mountains the Austro-Hungarian  
troops repulsed the Rumanians at several points.

## Large Captures at Constanza.

A large quantity of supplies was  
captured by the forces of Field  
Marshal von Mackensen at Constanza,  
the Bulgarian war office announced.  
"The Dobruja front," the statement says,  
"the (Teutonic) allied troops are pur-  
suing the enemy. On Tuesday evening  
they reached the line of Tschauel, west  
of Ezer-Doban, Torontan, Movila,  
Mioara and Kukurien. Wednesday  
morning the first infantry division  
captured Tchernavoda. The pursuit  
continues."

"The booty captured at Constanza is  
considerable. It consists of 500 trucks,  
several locomotives and other railway  
equipment, many oil tanks, most of  
which were full, sheds and storehouses,  
barracks full and seventy Turkish ven-  
sals interned by the Rumanians."

## Serbs Capture Heights on Left Bank of Cerna; Bad Weather Sets In

By the Associated Press.  
PARIS, October 27.—Bad weather is  
hindering the military operations on the  
various fronts in Macedonia, says the  
official statement issued today by the  
French war department.

On October 24 Serbian Danube and  
Drina divisions captured several heights  
on the left bank of the Cerna river, dis-  
tancing the mouth of the Stroshtina riv-  
er. The Serbians took about 400 pris-  
oners and deserters and captured one  
machine gun ready for action.

North of the Starkey Grob mountains  
Serbian troops charged the German and  
Bulgarian forces and seized the fortified  
height and the confluence of the Cerna  
and Stroshtina rivers (east of the Cerna  
head, southeast of Monastir). Wed-  
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captured Tchernavoda. The pursuit  
continues.

## DEFINES ELECTION LAW.

Judge Manning's Decision Regard-  
ing Provision for Registration.

NEW YORK, October 27.—A voter  
may register from a former place of  
residence, even though his house has  
been torn down, provided he intends to  
return and live in the same place, ac-  
cording to a decision of Justice Man-  
ning of the state supreme court. The  
decision was given in the case of Bird  
v. Coler, once a democratic candidate  
for governor.  
Mr. Coler registered from his old  
home in Brooklyn, which was recently  
torn down to make way for a new  
apartment house. Registration, the court  
said, is intended to prevent persons  
from voting more than once, and not  
to prevent them from voting on techni-  
cal grounds.

## SAY TIDE IS TURNING AWAY FROM WILSON

New York Republicans Fore-  
see Victory in the State  
and Nation.

## ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS

BY H. O. MESSENGER.

NEW YORK, October 27.—Rep-  
ublicans here say that the tide has turned  
and is coming to Hughes. They claim  
that the big Wilson flood has reached  
its crest and now is subsiding.

Reports from upstate show diminish-  
ing hysteria on account of "He kept  
us out of war" and over the eight-hour  
wage law.

The accounts say that the sentimental  
ecstasy is over and that the waters are  
beginning to look facts in the  
face. New York is claimed for the  
Republicans, estimates of pluralities  
varying all the way from 50,000 to  
125,000. Disregard the pluralities, for  
they are non-essential. The point is  
whether New York will give its elec-  
toral vote to Hughes even by the small-  
est plurality.

## Say Chances Favor Hughes.

It seems now that it will. Also it  
looks as if New Jersey will go Rep-  
ublican, and all of New England, even  
including Connecticut, which has been  
declared doubtful recently on account  
of the influx of laboring men working  
in the munition plants and supposed to  
be Democrats.

With this big group of electoral votes,  
reaching from Maine north of Mason's  
and Dixon's line and Ohio, which now  
is classed as doubtful, grasping In-  
diana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota,  
the Ohio River and the Ohio River  
Wilson's re-election is assured?

## Concede President's Popularity.

"That it would be foolish to under-  
estimate the President's popularity is the  
best question. They like him, and  
that's all there is to it. He will re-  
ceive a tremendous popular vote. He  
will run ahead of the democratic ticket  
in state after state, according to all  
the signs and portents of the political  
tide."

However, the judgment of careful ob-  
servers is that as election day ap-  
proaches the tide will turn. The  
personalities of the campaign  
and coming down to the basic differ-  
ences between the democratic party and  
the republican party.

## CONDEMNS THE APPEAL TO RACES IN CAMPAIGN

Ira Landrith Also Criticizes For-  
eign-Born Citizens Who Bring  
National Sins With Them.

By the Associated Press.  
WORCESTER, Mass., October 27.—For-  
eign-born citizens who bring their "na-  
tional sins" with them to America and  
politicians who appeal to class votes  
were similarly criticized by Ira Landrith,  
prohibitionist vice presidential candidate,  
today, on the opening of the New Eng-  
land invasion of the dry special train  
campaign.

"All honor," he said, "to the upright  
and industrious foreigner who comes to  
live here and who is eager to conform  
to the best American ideals. Many of  
them already are our first and finest  
citizens. But no honor and no welcome  
to those who would transform the con-  
tinent of America into a lawless imita-  
tion of continental Europe."  
"No honor either to the un-American  
politician and political party that pand-  
ers to race prejudice by appealing for  
the 'German vote,' or the 'Irish vote,' or  
the 'Protestant vote,' or the 'Catholic  
vote,' and no honor, but execration in-  
stead, to those who, in the name of  
religion, attempt to throw their fel-  
low-members as a body to the support of  
a political party because such party or  
its candidates are supposed to favor a  
particular racial or ecclesiastical con-  
fession."

## GERMAN FINANCES DISCUSSED.

Reichstag Has Granted War Credits  
Amounting to \$4,000,000,000 Marks.

BERLIN, October 27.—The budget  
committee of the Reichstag and the sec-  
retary of the treasury, Count von Roeder,  
discussed the financial situation  
and the government's policy during the  
war of consolidating the floating debt,  
issuing treasury notes, in the form  
of long-term loans.

Up to the present time the Reichstag  
has granted war credits amounting to  
\$4,000,000,000 marks. Of this amount  
48,000,000 marks was expended up  
to September 30, 27,500,000 marks  
being provided by long-term loans and  
the remainder by the sale of treasury  
bills. In October 250,000,000 marks will  
be repaid to the Imperial treasury for  
amounts dispersed for relief work.

## GETS THE VICTORIA CROSS.

British Soldier Captured German  
Trenches and 102 Men, by Self.

LONDON, October 27.—One of fifteen  
Victoria crosses, the awards of which  
are made in today's London Gazette, is  
to Private Thomas Jones, who, accord-  
ing to the official account, after killing  
three Germans, entered the German trenches,  
single-handed, disarmed 102 Germans,  
including three or four officers, and  
marched them back to the British lines  
through a heavy barrage fire.

## Capt. C. A. Moss of Canada Dead.

NEW YORK, October 27.—A cable-  
gram received here tells of the death  
of Capt. Charles Alexander Moss of the  
1st Battalion, Canadian Infantry. Capt.  
Moss was son of the late Sir Charles  
Moss, chief Justice of Ontario. He had  
been a high official of the Zeta Psi  
Fraternity. He received his wounds ten  
days ago, and died on Tuesday in a  
hospital at Rouen.

## PUBLIC IS WARNED SCHEME IS FRAUD

Post Office Department Views  
With Suspicion Endless  
Chain Letter.

## OFFERS PETTICOAT AT DIME

If you receive an endless chain letter  
offering you a guaranteed \$4.50 petti-  
coat for 10 cents, view it with suspi-  
cion and don't fall an easy victim, is  
the advice of the chief inspector's office  
of the Post Office Department.

Many women in Washington and  
from all over the country have been  
victimized by this "petticoat game" and  
are still waiting for Uncle Sam's parcel  
post carriers to deliver the goods. But  
Uncle Sam has suffered most. More  
than a half million letters have already  
been received at the Minneapolis post  
office, all containing dimes, and the  
work of the office has been congested.

The dead letter office in the Wash-  
ington city post office had this morning  
received fourteen sacks of these letters,  
each of which contained a dime. There  
are 5,000 letters in each sack, making  
a total of 70,000 letters thus far re-  
turned to the dead letter office. This  
makes 37,000 in dimes in this stack,  
that must receive the attention of ex-  
tra clerks in the dead letter office.

## Cost to the Government.

Here is what this little scheme has  
cost the government, according to a re-  
port made two days ago—and the let-  
ters are still coming in at the rate of  
10,000 a day:  
More than 500,000 dime letters re-  
ceived.  
Approximately 60 per cent bear re-  
turn addresses, and it costs the gov-  
ernment 2 cents each to return them.  
Something like \$5,000 has already been  
spent for this purpose.

About 40 per cent do not bear re-  
turn addresses and have to be sent in  
big bales to the dead letter office here.  
They are opened and sent back to the  
writers when their names are ascer-  
tained. This costs the government 10  
cents each, or more than \$12,000 thus  
far.

Handling all this mail in Minneapolis  
is now costing the government more  
than \$50 a day for extra clerk hire.  
The petticoat chain letter mail order  
scheme seems to have been the product  
of some fertile brain in Minneapolis. It  
first came to the attention of Wash-  
ington women when a number of them  
received letters, sometimes through the  
mail, sometimes through the hands of  
anonymous persons, saying in substance  
that if they would comply with directions  
they would receive a valuable article.  
The National Mail Order Exchange, 520  
Globe building, Minneapolis, a new  
scheme was devised. The women should  
write five copies of the letter which  
they received, and place them in the hands  
of other women. A number of  
Washington women did this, and some  
others placed the letter in the hands  
of the postal authorities.

## Complaints Thick and Fast.

Complaints have been coming in thick  
and fast to the post office inspection de-  
partment. The matter is being thor-  
oughly investigated in Minneapolis, and  
a warning has been issued to the public  
by the Post Office Department.

The offices of the National Mail Order  
Exchange have been deserted. In fact,  
the postal officials say there is no room  
number 520, Globe building.  
Only one thing could give the post of-  
fice authorities more work, and that  
would be for the concern to mail the  
more than half million petticoats ordered.  
It is estimated that this would take more  
than 3,750,000 yards of silk and give  
employment to 25,000 women.  
The letters have come from all quarters  
of the country. There are huge bales of  
them from Tucson, Ariz.; Tampa, Fla.;  
Lexington, Va.; from Montana, Delaware,  
Washington and Tennessee. The circular  
letter campaign seems to have been very  
thorough.

The company that started all this got  
but comparatively few of the dimes. At  
first the promoters called every other  
pay, the postal authorities say, and got  
several hundred letters. Then the in-  
vestigation frightened them away.

## SEARCHING FOR BODIES.

Dead in Hospital Fire, Farnham,  
Ont., Placed at Nineteen.

FARNHAM, Ontario, October 27.—The  
ruins of the St. Elizabeth Hospital, de-  
stroyed yesterday by fire, had suffi-  
ciently cooled today to permit the au-  
thorities to search for bodies. The  
gray nuns, who conducted the institu-  
tion, announced that an inquiry indi-  
cates that the death list will stand at  
nineteen, including five children.  
Farnham was under police guard  
last night, and the search for bodies  
small fires, which led to the suspicion  
that incendiaries had been at work.

## "Back-to-Norway" Movement On.

CHICAGO, October 27.—A "back-to-  
Norway" movement is in progress  
among young Norwegians in Chicago  
and the northwest, according to state-  
ments of labor agents. The European  
war has brought such prosperity to  
Norway, it is said, that industries there  
are suffering under a labor famine.  
Norwegian industrial concerns are ad-  
vertising in Chicago for help. During  
the last month more than 200 workmen  
have returned to Norway from Chicago  
alone.

## OLD NEWSPAPERS COLLECTED

The school children had a  
wonderful record last week  
when they collected twenty-  
seven and one-half tons or two  
carloads of old newspapers.

However, there was a lot  
more paper produced than was  
collected, as a careful estimate  
shows that over 220 tons of pa-  
per was required to print the  
editions of the four Washing-  
ton newspapers last week.

The Sunday Star alone  
weighs a pound and three  
copies of The Evening Star  
weigh more than a pound.

If every school child will  
once a week carry to school the  
old newspapers from home, the  
amount collected will grow  
enormously.



## RUSSIANS FORCED BACK ACROSS RIVER SHARA

Slav Attack in District West of  
Latak Is Broken Up by  
Germans.

By the Associated Press.  
PETROGRAD, October 27, via London.  
1:34 p.m.—German forces yesterday  
launched an attack against the Russian  
positions on the western bank of the  
River Shara, in the region of Gol-  
dovitch, and forced the retirement of  
the Russians to the eastern bank of the  
river. The Russian official statement  
says today's Russian official statement.

## Russ Attack Breaks Down.

BERLIN, October 27, by wireless to  
Sayville.—Russian troops in the district  
west of Lutsk, in Volhynia, made a heavy  
attack at midnight on the Austro-Ger-  
man lines in the Kiselin sector, after pro-  
longed artillery preparation. The at-  
tack, the war office announced, broke  
down before the defensive entangle-  
ments.

## TO CREDIT OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Total of \$15,000,000 in Gold De-  
posited With Morgan & Co.

NEW YORK, October 27.—Gold  
amounting to \$15,000,000 from Canada  
was deposited at the assay office to-  
day by J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as  
fiscal and commercial agents of the  
British government. This makes a  
total of \$450,000,000 received thus far  
this year chiefly by way of Canada  
and practically all for account of  
British and allied interests.

It is believed that a notation next  
week of the new \$200,000,000 British  
loan will bring a temporary halt to  
further imports of the metal. This is  
in accordance with the views of con-  
servative financiers, who believe that  
which are opposed to a further inflow  
of gold on the ground that it may be  
provocative of inflation.

## HARVARD TO TEACH POLICE.

Course Will Be First of Its Kind  
Under University auspices.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., October 27.—  
Harvard University is to extend its in-  
struction to police officers. Plans for  
a course in the duties of officers are  
well under way and will be instituted  
within a month. The instruction will  
deal largely with the matter of organi-  
zation, the keeping of station house  
records, identification systems and to  
some extent with psychology as it re-  
lates to the interrogation of persons  
arrested. The police of this city will  
form the first class, Harvard having  
decided to inaugurate the course at  
the suggestion of Mayor W. D. Rock-  
wood.

## Fairbanks on Tour of Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., October 27.—  
Charles Warren Fairbanks, republican  
nominee for the vice presidency, en-  
tered Kentucky this morning for a  
two-day tour of the western end of the  
state. He is scheduled to make forty-  
one addresses in that time, including  
extended speeches at Bowling Green,  
Hopkinsville, Letchfield, Owensboro  
and Henderson.

## Fire Drives 20 Families From Home.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., October 27.—A  
score of families were forced to flee  
from their homes when flames swept  
through the plant of the McDowell  
Manufacturing Company, at Millville,  
last night. For a time twenty  
dwellings were in danger, but were  
saved. The loss is \$100,000.

## C. E. HUGHES ADVOCATES A RETIREMENT SYSTEM

G. O. P. Candidate Favors Appoint-  
ment Under Civil Service, Based  
on Competency.

Special Dispatch to The Star.  
UTICA, N. Y., October 27.—Emphatic  
declaration in favor of retirement sys-  
tem for the government employees and  
for appointment under civil service  
based on competency was made today  
by Charles E. Hughes in addressing a  
large gathering here. He said he was  
deeply interested in the welfare of the  
federal employees, who are performing  
valuable service for the government in  
humble capacity and for meager sal-  
aries.

## Interest in Clerks' Welfare.

"I am deeply interested in the wel-  
fare of the employees of the federal gov-  
ernment. We should in every prac-  
ticable way seek to promote the effi-  
ciency of the service and the just in-  
terests of those who devote their lives to  
it."

## HALF HOLIDAY INDORSED BY SECRETARY BAKER

Secretary Baker has sent a letter to  
the President at Shadow Lawn strongly  
indorsing the proposition for an all-the-  
year-round Saturday half holiday in the  
government departments in this city.  
He declines to make his letter public  
at this time on the ground that it might  
be considered discourteous to the Pres-  
ident.

## CALL MADE FOR PROOF.

Charge Regarding Deportation of  
Negroes From South Challenged.

Attorney General Gregory should take  
official notice of the published stories  
that negroes are being deported from  
the United States, formally to the  
United States in northern states, according  
to a statement issued today by the Re-  
publican Publicity Association from its  
office in this city. Jonathan Bourne,  
president of the association, says in the  
statement:

"Mr. Gregory comes from the south,  
where a man's first consideration is to  
preserve his honor as a gentleman. It  
is up to him in the preservation of that  
honor to either deny the statement that  
has been issued from his office, if it  
is not issued, or to prove the state-  
ment contained therein. Refusal on his  
part to perform this duty, which he  
owes to the people of the United States,  
should be followed by impeachment."

## Save Today's Paper for the School Children's Playground Fund

## GERMAN DESTROYERS SUNK IN CHANNEL RAID

One British Fighting Craft Missing  
and One Is Disabled by  
Torpedo.

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, October 27.—Ten German  
torpedo boat destroyers attempted to  
raid the British cross-channel transport  
service last night, but the attempt fail-  
ed, says an official statement, issued  
by the British admiralty today. Two  
of the German destroyers were sunk  
and the others were driven off.

One British torpedo boat destroyer,  
the Flirt, is missing, the British state-  
ment adds, and another destroyer, the  
Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and  
ran aground. Nine members of the  
crew of the Flirt were saved.

The German destroyers succeeded in  
sinking one empty transport, the  
Queen. The crew was saved.

The British admiralty announcement  
follows:  
"During last night the enemy at-  
tempted a raid with ten destroyers on  
our cross-channel transport service.  
The attempt failed.  
One empty transport, the Queen,  
was sunk. The whole of her crew was  
saved."

"Of the enemy destroyers were  
sunk and the rest were driven off."  
"H.M. torpedo boat destroyer Flirt,  
Lieut. Richard P. Kellert, R.N., is miss-  
ing and it is feared she may be lost,  
but nine of the crew have been saved."  
"H.M. torpedo boat destroyer Nubian,  
Commander Montague Bernard, R.N., was  
disabled by a torpedo and taken  
in tow, but owing to the bad weather,  
the tow parted and she has grounded."

## LEAGUE OF PEACE IDEA IS INDORSED BY BRYCE

LONDON, October 27.—In a letter to  
the Times indorsing the recent speech  
of Viscount Grey before the Foreign  
Affairs Association in approval of the  
League of Peace idea, Viscount Bryce  
calls attention to the fact that the  
peace league movement already has  
gained a virtually universal acceptance  
in America, saying that both  
President Wilson and Charles E.  
Hughes, the republican presidential  
nominee, representing the two great po-  
litical parties, have indorsed it and  
declared it to be the duty of the American  
people to assist in such a permanent  
combination of nations.

After emphasizing the importance of  
this favorable American opinion, Vis-  
count Bryce urges the British govern-  
ment to take advantage of it and to  
soon as the end of the war comes in  
sight to endeavor, in conjunction with  
American statesmen, formally to "con-  
sider how such a league should be  
formed and what its functions should be."

## Troops to Destroy Poppy Crops.

AMOI, China, October 27.—Troops  
which had been guarding the Kwang-  
tung-Pukien border have been recalled  
to assist in the destruction of poppies,  
which have been planted extensively  
for the making of opium. In the  
Tung-shan district the unsupervised  
planting of poppies has been going on  
since the recent revolution. Resistance  
by the opium planters is considered prob-  
able.

## Manila Board Honors Senator Clarke

MANILA, October 27.—The municipal  
board has voted to name a street in  
honor of Senator James P. Clarke of  
Arkansas, author of the Clarke amend-  
ment to the Philippine bill in the  
United States Congress under which  
the islands would have been given  
complete independence in four years.

The Clarke amendment was voted  
down in Congress and the Jones bill,  
creating the Philippine senate in place  
of the former commission, was substi-  
tuted.

## FRENCH ARE DRIVING CLOSE IN FURTHER ON FORT VAUX.

Numerous German Attacks  
Repulsed.

## NIVELLE FELICITATES MEN

By the Associated Press.  
LONDON, October 27.—Before Ver-  
dun the French are driving anew at  
the German lines after having, accord-  
ing to the Paris war office, repulsed all  
the numerous counter attacks of the  
crown prince's troops in efforts to re-  
capture Fort Douaumont and other im-  
portant positions in their great drive of Tuesday last.  
In a fresh attack last night, the state-  
ment declares, the French scored ad-  
vances west and south of Fort Vaux,  
closing in further upon this important  
work.

Berlin declares that a French attack  
yesterday in the region east of Fort  
Douaumont was repulsed with heavy  
losses.

Apparently the Germans are prepar-  
ing for further attacks, as Paris re-  
ports a violent bombardment of the  
French lines at Fort Douaumont and  
the Chenols wood.

On the Somme front Berlin announces  
the breaking up by German guns of a  
French attack in preparation in the  
Fresnes-Mazancourt-Chaunoy sector  
south of the river.

## Gen. Nivelle's Proclamation.

Gen. Nivelle, the French commander  
at Verdun, has addressed the following  
proclamation to Gen. Mangin and the  
officers and men of his command who  
participated in the recent French ad-  
vance north of that city:

"Officers and men of Gen. Mangin's  
group: In four hours, by a magnifi-  
cent assault, you wrested from one blow  
from a powerful enemy, ground north-  
east of Verdun bristling with obstacles  
and fortifications which he took eight  
months to tear from us bit by bit at  
the cost of desperate efforts and con-  
siderable sacrifices.

"You have made a fresh and splendid  
glory to the flags of the army of Ver-  
dun. In the name of that army I thank  
you